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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ANDREW C. HIATT and FLOYD ROSE

Serial No. 08/486,536

Filed: June 7, 1995

For: 3' PROTECTED NUCLEOTIDES
FOR ENZYME CATALYZED
TEMPLATE-INDEPENDENT
CREATION OF PHOPHODIESTER
BONDS

Group Art Unit 1803

Examiner Wilson, J.

July 25, 1996

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 1996, Applicants make the following amendments and arguments. An extension of time has been concurrently filed with this amendment and extends the time for taking action in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 1996 to July 25, 1996. Also

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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